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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 1-7 and add ~~new~~ claims 8-15 as follows:

8.(new) A device for a thermal treatment of flour, especially feed meal or similar bulk goods, for hygienic purposes, said device having a heatable mixer, drying and cooling equipment, filters and discharge equipment, characterized in that

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- the heatable mixer is a batch mixer (4) which is connected to a dryer/cooler (8) by means of a lock-like valve system (3), and
  - the dryer/cooler (8) is connected by another valve system (11) to a second batch mixer (12) which has devices for adding the additives.